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Riders happy with local busing; upset to lose free service

By Kimberly Kaney
Daily Staff Writer

Many students like the service of the San Luis Obispo Transit bus system, but said they won't use it when they have to pay.

"I'll walk or ride my bike if they charge for the bus," said business junior Sean Fatooh.

City Bus Manager Tim Watson has already predicted how the bus system will be affected when Cal Poly students have to pay to ride.

"It will be disastrous to ridership," Watson said. "About 200,000 trips a year would be lost. I don't know where they are going to park that many cars."

City buses make an estimated 600,000

Cal Poly trips per year. If Watson's predictions are correct, the end of the free service would reduce Cal Poly trips by one third, according to Watson. He said the city doesn't want to discontinue the free bus system.

According to Watson, universities across the nation have asked for help to construct a duplicate system in their area.

"Why would we be dismantling something that so many others

are trying to emulate," Watson said. So far the city has helped about a dozen other schools start their own systems.

For the one million trips in the entire system per year, the city bus manager receives about 78 complaints. Eighty percent of these deal with the bus not being on time.

"Most complaints are from students that (say) 'I didn't get to class on time,'" Watson said. "If you look at the entire system the complaint numbers are pretty low."

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—Tim Watson,
city bus manager

Three main things contribute to buses being behind schedule, according to Watson. First is the over-demand for buses. He pointed out that many times, more people are at the curb than there is room on the bus. It takes time for people to move back and make room for others.

The second factor on the Cal Poly campus is construction. The Utilidor project has made many changes to the bus routes and changed times at certain stops.

The third factor is wheelchairs. Each wheelchair takes about four minutes to board a bus

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U.U. hour concentrates on Black History Month despite unattentive crowd

By Steve Lieberman
Daily Staff Writer

Human spirit, human rights, not to be denied. That was the theme of Thursday's University Union hour focusing on the celebration of Black History Month.

The event gave members of the student body, faculty, and community the chance to speak on the subject. There was an open forum that followed, allowing anyone the opportunity to ask questions or share their experiences.

Lance Dewayne Shah, a graphic communication senior, spoke

first. He shared his thoughts on the sacrifice black people like Carter G. Woodson, the founding father of Black History Month, and countless others have made to forward the advancement of people of color. Shah also emphasized that the spirit of the celebration is the spirit of all people, regardless of race, color or creed.

The next speaker was Walter Harris, Cal Poly associate director of admissions. He encouraged the audience to increase its awareness and knowledge of various cultures.

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All the V-Day history you can chew

By Megan Long
Daily Staff Writer

You'd never think death would have anything to do with the origins of Valentine's Day. But the executions of two Christian martyrs, both named Valentine, on Feb. 14 may be the reason for today's romantic holiday.

According to "Valentine's Day," a book by Fern G. Brown, during the third century most Romans worshipped many different gods and did not accept the Christian religion. Christians were persecuted under Roman Emperor Claudius II Gothicus, and many were killed.

Two men, a Roman priest and a bishop in Terni (a city about 50 miles from Rome) were both executed on Feb. 14, according to an account by Lawrence Cunningham, Ph.D., at the University of Notre Dame, Ind.

However, according to the 1995 edition of The New Encyclopedia Britannica, there may be only one Valentine who was taken from Rome to Terni for execution.

While the history of the true St. Valentine is uncertain, there are various stories of Valentine, the Christian priest.

An account by Rev. Alex Stevenson of the Latimer Memorial United Methodist Church states that Valentine was arrested for helping Christians escape prison or performing Christian marriages.

According to Brown, Emperor Claudius II was in need of an army and thought that married men wouldn't be good soldiers if they had to leave their wives and children. So, Claudius outlawed young men to marry and declared that any priest performing a marriage ceremony would be put to death.

While in prison, Valentine continued to minister

to the guards. One of the guards had adopted a blind girl and Valentine prayed for God to give the girl back her sight.

When the miracle occurred, the guard and his family became Christians. Claudius heard about this and ordered Valentine to be beheaded for continuing to convert people.

Before he died, Valentine wrote the girl a farewell message and signed it "From your Valentine," according to Fern. Some people believe this

is how contemporary traditions of sending flowers or love notes started — tokens in memory of his death on Feb. 14.

Another legend, recorded in Elizabeth Guilfoile's "Valentine's Day" book, tells why messages are sent on Feb. 14. The priest Valentine raised flowers in his garden and gave them to children. When he was imprisoned for refusing to worship Roman gods, the children picked flowers and made bouquets. They tied notes to the bouquets and tossed them through Valentine's prison window.

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IM YOUR ST. VALENTINE SWEET HEART!



Eclectic professor Martinez gets results

Languages professor William Martinez calls his teaching methods "chaotic"

By Megan Long
Daily Staff Writer

He pushes desks over, stands on tables and dances to salsa music — all to teach Cal Poly students Spanish and Hispanic culture.

William Martinez, a professor in the foreign language department, described his teaching method as "chaotic."

"I and try to be as eclectic as possible with the material," said Martinez with a smile.

Martinez, in his fourth year at Cal Poly, teaches intermediate and advanced Spanish, Hispanic literature, and Mexican culture classes.

Students appreciate the various methods of presentation in Martinez's classes.

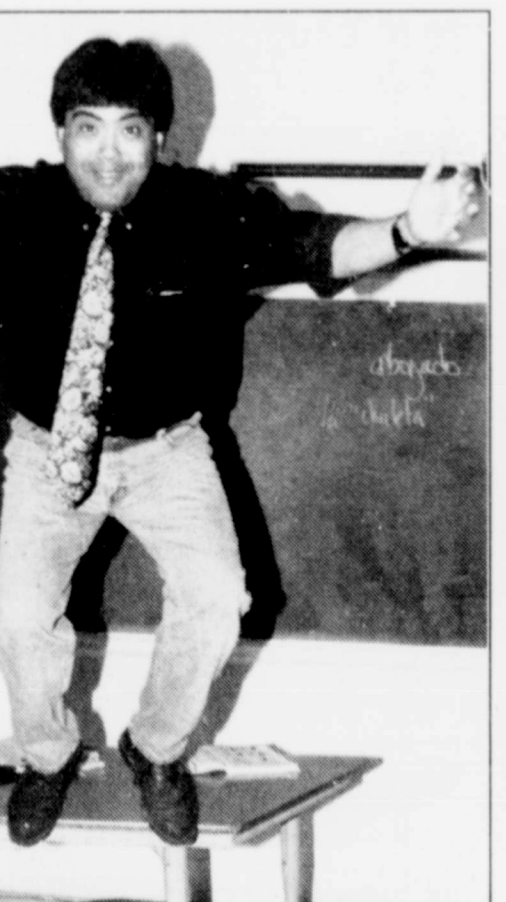
"He's great," said Lindsey Thompson, an architecture junior,

"He has creative ways of presenting material."

"He makes it fun to learn; he doesn't just lecture," said Jennifer Davlin, an architectural engineering sophomore.

Martinez said that the most effective way for students to study Spanish is by being exposed to many different things. For example, in his intermediate Spanish class, Martinez uses music, slides, articles, poems and short stories as teaching aides.

Martinez, who was raised in Mexico, originally had different plans for his career. He was an engineer for three years before returning to school for his Spanish and literature degrees.



Daily photo by Megan Long

Leap of Faith: William Martinez has been known to do crazy things in the classroom.

"I realized engineering was not a subject that was passionate for me," Martinez said.

He cited reading as his real

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Search for missing paraglider continues, so do rescuers' wishes to keep hope

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

Hundreds of people have scoured the coastline the past few weeks from Montaña de Oro to as far south as Newsome Ridge in the rural Arroyo Grande area, and there's still no sign of missing paraglider Peter Rejlek.

The search now continues into week three.

Rejlek's friends, who organized an extensive grass-roots volunteer search, hope to find him and are searching more than ever for a sense of closure. Many, like search volunteer Marina Chang hope they will find Rejlek, missing since Jan. 28.

Chang said in regard to finding Rejlek, the glass is still half full and there is still hope of finding him alive.

"We've been reading lots of survival stories lately, and people can last for 40 days if they have plenty of water," Chang said. "With the recent rains there should be enough."

Chang said she believes Rejlek packed up his paraglider, possibly fell into a ravine, was injured and

couldn't maneuver over the rugged terrain.

"You just don't leave a lost friend," Chang said. "To know this man — you know he has the will to live. That's what survival is all about."

Chang, a Cal Poly journalism graduate, said she is working on a story about the spirit of humanity after being so touched by the amount of support Rejlek and their search efforts have received.

"It's really beautiful," Chang said. "If nothing else, this has brought a lot of people together and made a lot of people think."

Community members and people from outside the Central Coast area have searched in droves to search for Rejlek, someone many never knew.

A U.S. Navy battalion from Wisconsin, consisting of approximately 30 men, has joined to help find Rejlek after having seen the story on the Sunday night news.

"Most people feel if it was their friend they would want people to be looking for him too," Chang said.

She said adding to the list of people joining the search were an

elderly couple from Atascadero.

"They've come out for the past four days now," Chang said. "They go out and drive to the highest lookout points in the areas where we've had sightings and scan the area with binoculars."

"There are hundreds of stories like that," she added. "We keep getting calls in from people wanting to help. It's just amazing."

Extensive sightings have given searchers hope of finding Rejlek. Chang said that's what is driving the search at this point.

Liaison for the Sheriff's Department and volunteer search Zach Hoisington said, "Over 15 people claim to have seen (Rejlek). All of them giving accurate descriptions of seeing him on land past Price Canyon toward Newsome Ridge."

Hoisington has been working with Vandenberg meteorologists to study the micro weather systems of the Central Coast around the time of Rejlek's disappearance. This information helps give searchers a general direction in which Rejlek may have flown.

He also said that the surveil-

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Smart family appeals to Gov. Wilson for help

By Gil Sery
Daily Staff Writer

The family attorney of missing Cal Poly student Kristin Smart has appealed to Gov. Pete Wilson for assistance in the case.

James Murphy Jr., the Smarts' attorney, asked Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Calif.) Monday to send Gov. Wilson a letter requesting the state assistance.

Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro (R-San Luis Obispo) has also been asked to help with the case.

The letter stated that O'Connell would like to join the Smart family in requesting that the reward be increased to \$50,000, the maximum amount allowed by Section 157 of the state's penal code.

"I believe it is wholly appropriate for the state, under your authority, to increase the reward if there is any chance that in doing so, it will help generate new information that may bring closure to this matter," O'Connell told Wilson in the letter.

O'Connell added that he hopes Wilson will "be able to grant our request."

Commenting on the letter, O'Connell said that he and the Smarts are "trying to provide incentive for information in terms of finding (Kristin)."

The next step, O'Connell said, is to contact Wilson to see if he has any questions about the request and then await his response.

"This has been a goal of the Smarts' for a long time to focus attention on the potential dangers to college coeds," Murphy said, referring to the investigation of the police on campus and why it took a month for the local police to get involved in the case.

"We welcome the legislature's inquiry into safety on campus. It's too late for Kristin but it's not too late for a lot of other coeds," Murphy said.

Murphy added that just because a person is on the Cal Poly campus, he or she has a tendency to feel safe.

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Hospice fun run for lost loved ones

By Jennifer Burk
Daily Staff Writer

Local residents will hit the pavement to remember lost loved ones this Saturday.

At the first annual "Hospice for the Heart" Valentine Fun Run/Walk, participants can move with others in mind.

"A lot of people use exercise as a way to deal with grief," said Program Coordinator Doug Bing. "Sometimes by running for someone, you get this extra energy and connect with the person you do it for."

For this reason, Hospice of San Luis Obispo created a special group of participants to the event held at Mitchell Park.

While the run/walk will serve primarily as a fund raiser, it also allows Hospice to take its services outside the office.

Among other services, Hospice operates support groups that help people deal with grief.

"A lot of people don't contact Hospice because they aren't ready to deal with death," Bing said. "But Hospice in fact represents 'quality of life' — actually getting the most out of life."

According to Bing, money raised through the event will go to train volunteers that provide support to individuals or groups for free. Some of the support groups visit the Cal Poly campus regularly. There are currently more than 120 volunteers involved in the program.

The \$15 event registration fee includes a T-shirt and brunch after the event. Personal trainers will be available at the event assisting participants with proper stretching techniques before race time.

Participants who raise additional funds are eligible for gifts and prizes, including a one-year membership at Kennedy Nautilus Health Club.

"Most people think they have to go out and get donations," Hospice intern Sharon Ramsey said. "But you don't, the \$15 registration fee is a donation in itself."

As a student in the masters' program for counseling at Cal Poly, Ramsey became interested in the program after a guest speaker from Hospice talked to her class.

Ramsey is in charge of recruiting volunteers and securing donations for the event.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. Before the day of the event, registration is \$15, but on race day it jumps to \$20.

Capps opens new office

By Maria T. Garcia
Daily Staff Writer

The furniture has arrived. The computers are on-line. But most importantly, the phones are now working.

The San Luis Obispo district office of Congressman Walter Capps (D-Santa Barbara) finally opened Monday. Since its opening, constituents have been dropping by and the phones have been ringing off the hook.

"We've been working since last week," said Barbara Haile, a caseworker for Capps' office. "But in this business, you don't operate without a phone. So we officially opened the office Monday. That's when the phones started working."

The district office offers a full range of services to constituents. It is staffed by two district representatives, one caseworker and an intern. In addition to the San Luis Obispo office, Capps plans to open one in Santa Maria. Capps' district headquarters are located in Santa Barbara.

So far the response to the office's opening has been positive, Haile said.

"San Luis Obispo residents were waiting for an office to open here," she said.

Political science junior Adriana Dydell began interning at Capps' office last week.



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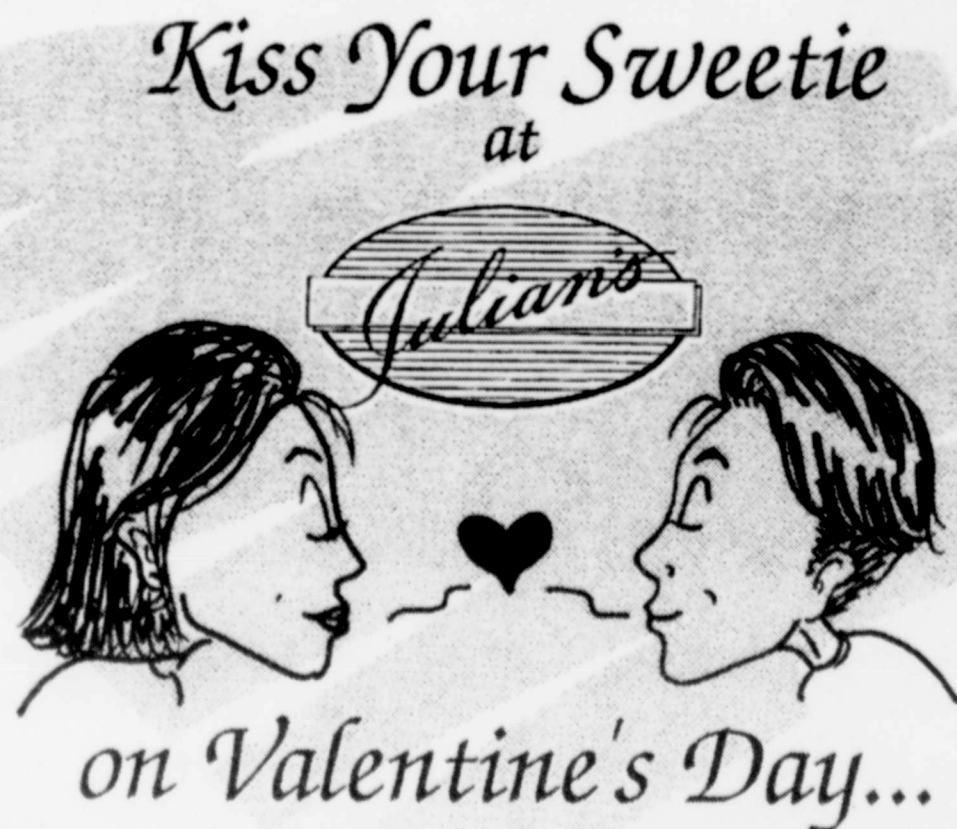
Betsy Umhofer tends to the new phones in Congressman Walter Capps' new office.

"It's been interesting," she said. "When you have a problem people always say 'Call your congressman.' I'm realizing that people really do call."

Haile advises constituents to contact Capps regarding any federal issues by writing a letter describing the problem or by calling.

"We're part of the congressional district," said district representative Betsy Umhofer. "Walter Capps is an idealist who really wants to represent all the people in his district to the best of his ability."

The San Luis Obispo district office is located at 1411 Marsh St., suite 205. The telephone number is 546-8348.



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GO GONZO!

ASI chooses not to hold elections on same day as Poly Plan poll

By Maria T. Garcia
Daily Staff Writer

ASI elections will not be held the same day as a Cal Poly Plan opinion poll, the ASI Board of Directors unanimously voted Wednesday.

The board voted against holding both the poll and ASI elections at the same time, citing concerns about confusion that might result from holding two different elections on the same day. Instead of holding both elections on April 30 and May 1 — which is when the opinion poll is slated to take place

— ASI elections are scheduled for May 7 and 8, a week after the opinion poll.

Holding the opinion poll and ASI elections on the same day "can become very political," ASI President Steve McShane told the board.

"You have to look at the pros and cons," he said.

One of the benefits of holding ASI elections a week later is that attention would be solely focused on candidates and not on the Cal Poly Plan, said Tamer Osman, chairman of the elections committee. With two separate elections,

polling places and times would be easier to manage, he added.

There was also concern that voter turnout might be decreased by holding a poll and an election on the same day, Osman said. Students that want to vote, however, will vote regardless of having just voted the previous week, he added.

The board eventually voted unanimously to keep the two separate. Osman expressed satisfaction with the board's vote, saying as elections chairman his main

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Women's speaker talks of global feminism

By Kellie Korhonen
Daily Staff Writer

An intimate crowd of about 16 people were shocked by the fact that the United States hasn't ratified a United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) on Wednesday at another Women's Week speech.

This international U.N. treaty, created in 1979, defines discrimination against women as "any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex," which impairs or nullifies the recognition and happiness of women. Ratified states are to eliminate discrimination against women in employment, education and politics.

This message was part of psychology and human development Professor Shawn Burn's message. She explained CEDAW and the development of global feminism through the four United Nations conferences and international human rights law.

She stated the reason the United States has not ratified this law is because of attempting to bring equality without international measures.

Burn said she wanted to speak about characterizing women's human rights as an international law, along with introducing the types of abuses and obstacles they have to overcome.



Daily photo by Kellie Korhonen

Burn added that the human rights perspective views the unequal status of women as a violation of their human rights. She explained the idea that women's rights are actually human rights, which are protected under international law and monitored and enforced by the United Nations. But in her speech, Burn stressed that women's rights violations often occur in the private sphere of

the family, and some are condoned by religious and cultural practices and are not able to be enforced.

"The bottom line is that gender equality and cultural diversity may sometimes clash and that respecting cultural diversity need not require unquestioned acceptance of all cultural practices," Burn said. "There are some universal values, such as gender and racial equality, that should lead us to be critical of some cultural practices and to promote

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"Christian Guy" appears in U.U., urges to 'stop sinning'

By Erin Green
Special to the Daily

The University Union Plaza saw some action when the "Christian Guy" received opposition from audience members while preaching his "stop sinning" message Wednesday afternoon.

Paolo Ladomato, who calls himself a born-again Christian and is a Michigan business owner, stood in the plaza preaching and singing his version of the Christian gospel to Cal Poly students Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Onlookers made various comments, mostly against his message.

One of the most vocal opponents of Ladomato was city and regional planning senior Walter Ortiz, who stood up in front of the crowd and confronted Ladomato.

"He's not evangelizing the

truth," Ortiz said. "He's making a fool out of Christianity."

Ortiz urged Ladomato to read some biblical excerpts which he hoped would stop Ladomato from preaching what Ortiz considered to be the "false gospel."

Ortiz is not the first opponent Ladomato has seen in his year-long trek through college campuses, which also include UCLA and U.C. Santa Barbara. Actually, Ladomato said he receives various reactions from his listeners.

"Some mock, some listen and a few believe," Ladomato said.

On Wednesday, while "I Want Your Sex" by George Michael played in the background in the U.U., Ladomato preached a message of the evil of premarital sex and birth control, while the people at the booth promoting National Condom Week sat and

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--Hunter S. Thompson, *The Great Shark Hunt*

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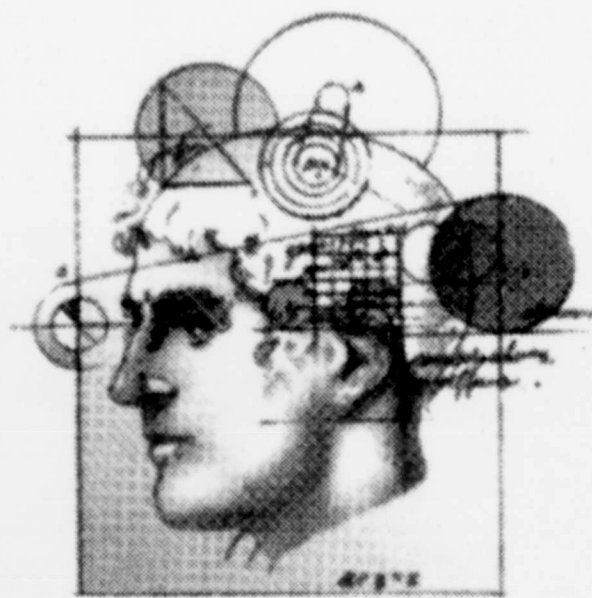
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Fine lines

NATE PONTIOUS

A week ago, it was 3 a.m. Sunday in San Francisco's South Beach — and I was nowhere near where I thought I'd be when I woke up that afternoon. The cafe my roommate and I were in was a far cry from Linnaea's in downtown San Luis Obispo, and even farther from the safe, policed streets of our city.

I stood behind a couple who were speaking in a language I didn't understand — I think they were gossiping. The guys behind the counter all looked like family and sang along to the blaring Italian music while they served us as though they were having the time of their lives. As I washed my hands in the bathroom, someone very impatient kept jiggling the door handle as if his life depended on it. I shudder to think of what might have happened if it hadn't been locked.

I finally made my way to a seat (a difficult task as the cafe was incredibly crowded for 3 a.m.) and settled into looking outside at the picturesque streets of the city. I saw a few bums milling around and what I'd like to think was a big rat crossing the street — but I'm not sure.

If I were at Linnaea's I would have given 90 cents to a guy behind the counter, said "Thank you," sat down at the counter and the only thing crossing the street would be the inebriated patrons of SLO Brewing Co. — their only real threat is not walking in a straight line. A little bit different.

And I definitely wouldn't have been afraid to go a block in the wrong direction. That's the eerie part: nightlife was friendly in San Francisco, and for the most part I felt safe. Yet a street away the rats wait, and the rules change against you. The lines are so fine.

This is paralleled everyday in our lives. We drive cars 65 miles per hour pass each other, the only separation a measly yellow line a few inches thick, and we think nothing of it. As pedestrians, we have a death wish. We push a button to ask for permission to cross an intersection, putting all our trust in a little green man. A stupid little green man tells us it's a-okay to step in front of moving steel vehicles. He isn't even wearing shoes.

However, some of us are actually so bold to deny the green man, that is to say, we challenge that flashing red hand. It's almost a dare — the flashing red hand is just beckoning us, calling us chicken for not crossing the road (I swear I did not see the obvious joke). Though daring and an anti-establishment gesture of sorts, this all too often ends in disaster. I can't count the times that I've almost been hit by a SLO Transit bus only moments after it dropped me off. And are there many of us left who haven't been "pulled over" for crossing at a red?

The other day I was watching a Learning Channel special on the "fine lines" we encounter as pedestrians everyday. It was a documentary that pointed out the precise calculatory skills of Los Angeles gang members who cross busy intersections daily. One girl gave her "testimonial" on how one must cross the street with attitude, staring down the drivers with certain kind of dominance that I guess can only be found in the heart of L.A. Funny, she didn't mention the rats.

My point is not pedestrian safety tips. It's just odd to note how thin the lines separating us from the dangerous are becoming, and how we're putting so much more of our faith in them. People send credit card numbers via the "information superhighway," the only thing keeping planes from crashing into each other are little numbers called coordinates (the plane leaves from a terminal for crying out loud), people leave their expensive automobiles with complete strangers who stand in front of restaurants, we live only miles from a nuclear power plant built near an earthquake fault. Why, it's only an orange fence that keeps me from plunging into one of those big Utilidor holes! So please, when living, color inside the lines that are constantly being drawn for our safety. And mind the rats.

Nate Pontious rambles much like this every Wednesday night/Thursday morning from 1-4 a.m. on KCPR, 91.3 FM, and thinks that Pedestrian Death Wish would be a really cool band name.

Black Friday to some, day o' love to others

GIL SERY

Every year at about this time, my nose is figuratively rubbed in the dirt by all the advertising for Valentine's Day. I say this because I currently don't have a girlfriend and have taken to singing Elvis Presley's "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" every time I hear a commercial for Valentine's Day. (By the way, the answer is yes.)

The closest relationship I have to a "significant other" is with a girl named Jessi whom I met at a weekend retreat in Simi Valley exactly a year ago this weekend. The only problem is that she goes to UCLA and is more of a female friend than a girlfriend — and I use the term "friend" loosely.

Oh sure, I suppose I could try one of those singles services that newspapers keep offering, but I never know what to write. "SWM, 24, with a funny accent iso SWF for meaningful relationship" just doesn't seem to cut it for me. I don't consider myself "handsome" or "dashing" or any of those other exotically descriptive words that you see so often in classified ads.

The fact that most of those ads have a language all of their own, as you can see from the alphabet soup above, is a whole different story.

For example, "SWM", for those of you who are happily coupled, is singles talk for single white male, "iso" is short for "in search of" and "SWF" would be, of course, single white

female." It took me quite a while to get this "singles-ese" down.

Next, I tried those phone services. "Call 1-900-FIND-LOVE for the date of your dreams." Perfect, if you want to spend \$35,000 listening to messages from people whom you have nothing in common with.

I'm a nice guy. Really I am. I'm fun-loving, have a sense of humor, caring, kind, generous, you know, all the good stuff. So why am I still single? Sigh...

So while you're busy wining and dining your loved one, just think of all us Valentine-less people who don't have anyone to send a card to, who don't have anyone to send a huge Valentine's day cookie to, who would

send flowers if only they had someone to send them to. The only Valentine's Day card I got last year was from my Mom!

Well, I've got to go, I promised Heartbreak Hotel, I'd check in before 10 a.m.

Gil Sery is a journalism senior.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

dent art exhibitions held in the U.U. Galerie and lobby spaces over the years, such as those involving art students, architecture students, craft center students, student-generated mini-shows and university-wide competitions, to name a few.

I couldn't help but wonder, however, how much time Ms. Jamison had actually spent in the U.U. prior to preparing her article which exhorts her fellow students to "take back their U.U. and demand to have their accomplishments displayed instead of the professional artwork now exhibited."

Because my office is conveniently located right inside the U.U. Galerie, I was puzzled as to why I never received any inquiries from Ms. Jamison seeking information about the galerie program, student shows or the permanent collections.

Had she taken a moment to call or come by, she might have heard about the upcoming student craft center mini-show or the university-wide student art competition. She might have learned of the committee which looks at requests for displays in the U.U. She might at least have asked my student assistants about all of the student-produced work that goes into the production of all the exhibitions within our broad directive.

Nonetheless, I had to smile a bit when I wondered how the students whose self-portraits are displayed on the main Chumash entry wall of the U.U. lobby, along with other pieces from the ASI permanent collection of works by student artists, might respond to Ms. Jamison's seemingly authoritative comment that, "Furthermore, in no way does the artwork presently adorning the U.U. walls resemble the students at Cal Poly."

The Galerie has traditionally attracted the calibre of Mustang Daily and other journalism students who actually ask questions before writing about our programs. Though some might view Ms. Jamison's article as an affront to the professionals, donors and students who have worked so hard on the Galerie and the collections, we'd simply like to invite her to come into the Galerie and to learn something about us before putting her thoughts into print.

Jeanne LaBarbera,
U.U. Galerie and collections curator



Editor,

This past Saturday, after months of planning, MEXA brought together hundreds of high school students for the fifth annual Xicano Youth Conference. For one day, high school students were able to share an atmosphere of unity and camaraderie. They learned about their history, culture and gained a better sense of awareness about themselves. In some cases, high school students put off differences, put away their gang signs and saw each other as equals.

Despite all these positive aspects about the Xicano Youth Conference (XYC), Monday's article about the conference, by Maria T. Garcia, seemed to only criticize the XYC. It is true that journalism should present the facts, both positive and negative, but to take a few positive quotes and then speak negatively for more than half the article is wrong. The article presented some disturbing anti-white quotes, and I feel it was wrong for Garcia to say that a student left with an anti-white sentiment simple because of the quote she took from him.

What's the matter with Garcia? Hasn't she taken Speech 125? Just because a student said that he didn't like white people doesn't mean that the XYC caused him to say that.

Everyone I spoke to who read Monday's article felt disturbed. Although the XYC inspired and opened the eyes of many to the opportunities available for Xicanos, the XYC was presented as a racist training camp. Whether Garcia is a sellout, didn't have the time to get many positive quotes or was too dumb to get the quotes is irrelevant now.

I initially felt like apologizing to all those who were offended by the quotes, but I realize that it isn't I who should apologize, but Maria T. Garcia for making the XYC look bad.

P.S. Maria, si eres Mexicana, me da verguenza ser Mexicano.

Daniel Bedoy,
Computer science

Editor,

As U.U. Galerie and Collections Curator for the past 12 years, I thought I might respond to journalism freshman Christine Jamison's opinion article Feb. 10 "ASI should allow student works in U.U."

Because Ms. Jamison is a freshman, it is understandable that she might not have been able to attend all of the stu-

"Michael Jackson had a boy...gosh, that must have hurt."

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University of Hawaii SPJ chapter: Journalists relish win

By Michelle Cournoyer
Ka Leo O Hawaii (U. of Hawaii)

(U-WIRE) HONOLULU, Hawaii — The "secret" is out. A report naming 51 disciplined Honolulu police officers was finally pried out of the police union's grasp two weeks ago.

The release was prompted by a Hawai'i Supreme Court ruling that ended a three-and-a-half-year battle between the State of Hawai'i Organization of Police Officers and the UH student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, local television stations and newspapers.

The officers' names have been guarded by SHOPO since 1993, when a group of UH student journalists asked police chief Michael Nakamura to release the names in accordance with Hawai'i's public records laws.

Gerald Kato, SPJ adviser, said the '93 legislature was considering Hawai'i's freedom of information laws in an effort to balance the officers' rights to privacy and

the public's right to know. In light of the possible changes to accessing information, Kato said he approached Lowell Frazier, journalism department chair, with an outline of the information he wanted access to and his plan to get it.

Kato got the go ahead from Frazier.

"I told Kato to do what they think they needed to do," Frazier said.

But when Kato and the student chapter of SPJ requested the reports from HPD, they hit a wall.

"They asked us for \$20,000 to gather the information to complete the report," Kato said.

In addition to the fee, they faced another hurdle — the police union.

Before the police chief could release the information, SHOPO intercepted by filing a confidentiality suit against the SPJ student group.

Kato got attorney Jeff Portnoy to represent the SPJ in the case.

Portnoy said the police department responded with a "knee

jerk" reaction, sending a letter to the university requesting information such as grade point averages and detailed financial reports about editorial staff at Ka Leo.

The information HPD requested was not released, according to Tom Brislin, professor of journalism, because some of the information is protected under federal law and some of what the department wanted to know was public record.

"Their point was to turn the tables, but it wasn't Ka Leo that brought the suit, it was SPJ," Brislin said. "Grade point averages and violence in police departments are not cases on the same level."

As the hearings proceeded, the 1995 Legislature passed a bill that excluded the names of disciplined police officers from public record, effective July 1, 1995, except when they are terminated from the force.

In addition to preventing the public from accessing information about how officers are being disci-

plined, whether officers are repeating offenses and whether punishments are appropriate, the '95 exclusion law also sets a precedent for other government unions to ask for similar exclusionary rights resulting in more secrecy in government, Brislin said.

This includes faculty and staff at the university, Brislin added.

"Why shouldn't the university ask for the same protection," he said.

"Students have a right to know who may have violated sexual harassment policy, who doesn't go to meetings regularly ... students want to know that they are paying for a quality education."

In November 1996, however, the students' battle came to an end, and some police officers' confidentiality rights were sacrificed under a Supreme Court ruling in favor of public access to the records.

According to attorney Jeffrey Portnoy, the court ruling gave the students the reports they had originally requested by ordering HPD to release the names of offi-

cers whom were disciplined between January 1991 and October 1993.

Exempted from this report are the names of police officers disciplined whose reports are under appeal and any officer disciplined after July 1, 1995, the day the police exemption law went into effect.

The number of reports on appeal is not known at this time, but when asked about access to the cases on appeal, Portnoy said the records will probably never be open to public review.

"I suspect appeals were being made as the court proceedings took place," he said.

The court ruling also opened access to police discipline records from the time period following the SPJ request, from Oct. 1993 to June 1995, but Portnoy said SHOPO has tried to keep those records from public access as well.

"It (access to the information) was clarified in the Supreme Court ruling, but SHOPO lawyers say no way," Portnoy said.

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Poet brings love to listeners

Emily Bradley
Daily Staff Writer

Students will get the opportunity to hear the poetry of distinguished poet and feminist scholar Sandra Gilbert at a special Valentine's Day reading tonight.

Gilbert will read from her latest book, "Ghost Volcano," a collection of poems in memory of her late husband, Elliot.

"Having one of the leading poets in the country come to read her book elegies to her late husband on Valentine's Day promises to be an extremely powerful event," said Kevin Clark, presentation coordinator and English professor.

Clark is the coordinator of WriterSpeak, a committee which makes readings such as this possible by recruiting noted national and local writers to Cal Poly for a series of free presentations.

"Most of us have had someone who has died in our lives, and, through her, we get to see the visionary, the person who has been through it and has come back to tell of it," Clark said. "I think we're interested in that reality, because that reality will be ours in the future. Someone close to us is someday going to die. But we see she has come back with this testimony about how one survives, endures and, in fact, flourishes after something like this has happened."

Gilbert's husband died during a routine surgery six years ago. According to Clark, a personal friend of Gilbert's, the book is a way for her to mourn her husband and come to terms with the rest of her life.

She also wrote the book "Wrongful Death" about the medical complications her husband experienced at the U.C. Davis Medical Center.

According to Clark, Gilbert "is one of the most important literary figures who is alive," for not only her poetry, but her role as an influential feminist scholar.

Carolyn Stefanco, Cal Poly Director of Women's Studies and history professor, agreed.

"The reading would be incredibly valuable for not only women's studies students but also the rest of the university to hear," she said. "We rarely have speakers of her stature and her perspective here at Cal Poly."

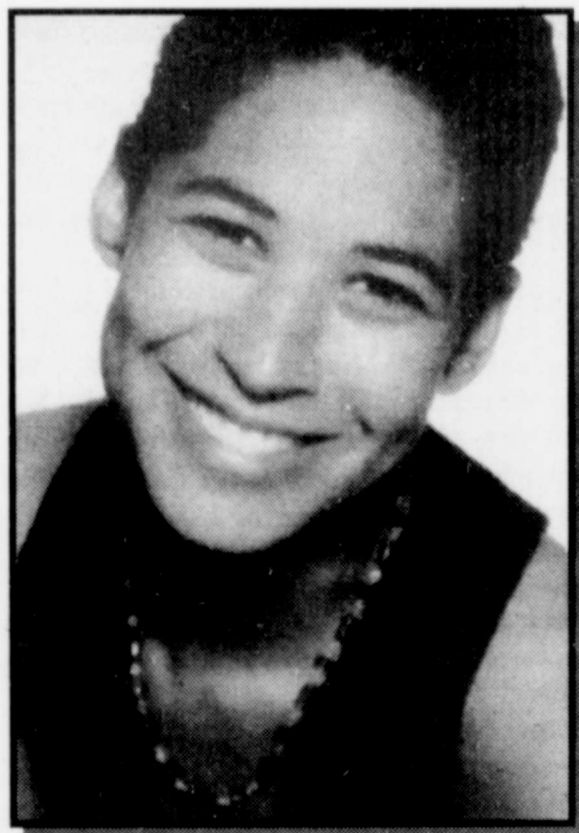
Gilbert has published five books of poetry and seven books of criticism, one of which, "The Madwoman in the Attic," was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. The New York Times Book Review called it "a bold new interpretation of the great 19th century women novelists" and, according to Clark, it is considered one of the foundational works of feminist criticism.

Gilbert is president of the
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Rebecca Walker, 25, will be the keynote speaker for the 1997 Women's Week Celebration. She is a contributing editor to Ms. magazine and was named by Time magazine as one of 50 Future Leaders of America. Her lecture is entitled "Being Real, Telling the Truth, and Changing the Face of Feminism."

Co-sponsored in part by Women's Programs and Services, Student Life and Activities, the College of Liberal Arts, the Office of the Vice-President of Student Affairs, Panhellenic, and SLO Women's Resource Center.

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listened across the plaza. His statements brought a lot of hostility upon him from the crowd.

Other bitterness came from his remarks about public figures, especially the ones certain audience members held close to their hearts.

"He's slandered the Pope, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.," said first-year student Rob McCready. "It's disturbing that someone can be this twisted."

No matter how much they oppose his message, however, Ortiz and McCready defend his right to be there and so do the police, according to Ladamato.

"Police have protected me at

some campuses," Ladamato said. "In fact, they only come out when there has been a complaint, and then they say that it's okay for me to be there."

McCready credits this police reaction to Ladamato's rights under the Constitution.

"He has complete First Amendment rights to be here — freedom of speech and freedom of religion," McCready said.

McCready also said he was glad to see that Ladamato was not being removed from his perch on top of the steps in the plaza.

"If he can't be up there, then I can't be up there," McCready said. "Removing him is one step away from removing us."

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concern was getting students out to vote.

"We have to do what is best for the students," he said.

In other ASI business, College of Agriculture representatives revised a resolution regarding ASI's stance on the use of farmland for the purposes of expanding the campus core. The resolution was first introduced to the board last week but has since been revised.

It states that anything west of the railroad tracks and east of Highway 1 on the Cheda Ranch should be retained exclusively for agricultural educational purposes.

The resolution also asks that all agricultural units remain adjacent to campus to ease students' transportation needs.

"We know the campus is going to expand. That is unavoidable," said College of Agriculture representative Allison Kinnon-Frink. "Class A soil is the best soil. We want to make sure we don't lose that land to a warehouse or a parking lot."

In addition to having land available for field use, students should also have easy access to that land, said College of Agriculture representative Adriene Stanley.

"We would hate it if they said 'Hey, we're moving the sheep unit to Santa Cruz,'" Stanley said. "Some universities do have their facilities miles and miles away. We don't want to be one of them."

Both Kinnon-Frink and Stanley said it's important that the board of directors support the resolution. Approving the resolution, Kinnon-Frink said, would send the message that agricultural land is very valuable.

"All over the world, when expansion takes place, it takes place in agricultural land," she said. "This land is valuable and should be valued by developers. This is where our food (and) our clothing comes from."

Cal Poly has a history of using agricultural land to expand the campus, Stanley said. She said she understands, however, because the College of Agriculture has a majority of the land. So it's logical the university would take land from it, she said.

Students from all colleges are urged to attend the next board of directors meeting Feb. 26. There will be no ASI meeting Wednesday due to the President's Day holiday.

"We want everyone in the College of (Agriculture) to be here when we vote in two weeks," Kinnon-Frink said. "It makes a big difference when you have student support."

Board of directors and executive staff members were also encouraged to attend a Leadership Institute, which will be held at Cal Poly Feb. 22.

The board approved a resolution stating ASI extends its support by sponsoring no more than 25 students outside of the ASI committees to attend the Leadership Institute.

"The board is showing support by strongly advising members to attend," said Chris Makalintal, sponsor of the resolution and College of Engineering representative. "I believe that it goes hand in hand with ASI's mission to promote student interest through advocacy and representation."

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"We all have a history together," Harris said. "Only by working together can we make this a better place to survive."

Harris also talked about the struggle black people have had in gaining equality in their education. He cited Martin H. Freedman, who became America's first black professor in April of 1950. Harris emphasized how people like Freedman paved the way for the presence of blacks on American college campuses, both student and faculty.

Harris's speech was followed by a warm introduction from Shah for Pastor Gridiron of the church House of Prayer in San Luis Obispo. He expressed the importance of black history and culture in terms of the lack of coverage it has previously been given in the mainstream media.

"There have been many things left out of the textbooks," Gridiron said. "Did you know Thomas Edison's light bulb would not have happened without the assistance of a black man who developed the filament?"

Gridiron also shared an enlightening story from when he was a schoolboy. While studying human anatomy, Gridiron asked his teacher if the chart he was looking at was the inside of a white man. When she replied yes, he asked her if it was also the inside of a black man. The

teacher's hesitant answer of "yes" taught the young boy a valuable lesson.

"The heart of a black man...is in the same place as a white man," Gridiron said.

The open microphone portion followed.

One student warned the audience to "pay attention to history because it is repetitive." He also chided the crowd for its apathy. A lack of energy, he said, is not rare at Cal Poly. Indeed, Shah's invitations to speak on the human spirit were mostly denied, even by two young ladies wanting to use the microphone to announce raffle winners.

"A closed mouth does not get fed," Shah said, to little avail.

There was a humorous moment during the open mike portion, when Shah revealed, tongue-in-cheek, that he and his friends used to complain about Black History Month being in February.

"They gave us a month, but it's the shortest month of the year!" Shah joked.

Response may have been weak at times, but overall the message delivered Thursday was strong: all human beings are entitled to human rights.

Though enthusiastic that Black History Month is being celebrated, Shah stressed that it is merely a way of educating Americans on African culture, religion and tradition.

"It serves a special, specific purpose," Shah said. "But our history is our DNA."

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Modern Language Association, the policy making organization for foreign language and literature departments, as well as a professor of poetry writing and literature at U.C. Davis.

The reading is a free presentation which will be held at 7 p.m. today in Room 213 in the Business building.

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lance aircraft was in the area prior to a Vandenberg launch and the photos it took of the area may help with the search for Rejlek. However, the photographs were deleted and Hoisington said they are now trying to retrieve spy photographs from the Russian Embassy.

In addition to the information Hoisington has developed, he said much of the meteorological information has come from amateurs around the area. With the combined information, a projected flight path was developed which matched up with area sightings, according to Hoisington.

Chang said the latest sighting came from an L.A. motorist who drives up to the Central Coast every Tuesday, the same day as Rejlek's disappearance. According to Chang, the motorist said he saw a paraglider at approximately 4:50 p.m. on Jan. 28 about five to 10 miles north of the Gaviota rest stop. She said his information could coincide with the time period and mileage Rejlek may have covered.

To travel such distances with a paraglider is somewhat unfathomable and is known in the sport as an "epic soar." Rejlek's girlfriend Kate Olafson said she thinks he was having the most joyous ride of his life.

"He knew he was doing something incredible," she said.

This past Saturday, friends gathered at Montaña De Oro to celebrate Rejlek's 35th birthday.

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Olafson said it may have helped some of the people most distraught about his disappearance.

"It helped them feel like they were doing something for Peter," Olafson said.

She said people told stories about Rejlek, and 35 balloons were launched skyward tagged with messages from friends and loved ones.

Ground search volunteers are needed to search in two- to five-hour increments. Volunteers should wear sturdy boots, long pants, long sleeves and carry a water bottle. Map reading and orienteering skills are desirable, but not required. The search team is based at the Pismo Beach Veterans Hall daily until further notice. The hall is on Bello Street between Canyon Road and Wadsworth Avenue.

The search team also asks the public for any information that may locate Rejlek.

"We just want to put some closure on it," Olafson said. "As long as people are willing to search and we believe (Peter) is still out there, the search will continue. It really helps his friends and family out so much to know there's people out there trying."

Olafson added that his friends-Marina Chang and Gary Kilpatrick-will continue their search for Rejlek, even after official searches are discontinued.

For more information on volunteering, call 441-8552 or 235-7751 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. or 534-0303 anytime.

San Jose State slapped with another discrimination suit

By Jana Seshadri
Spartan Daily (San Jose State University)

(U-Wire) SAN JOSE, Calif. — Four female workers from the SJSU Facilities Development and Operations Office refiled discrimination charges last week with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and with the department.

The women claim that FD&O managers, while stating they are committed to affirmative action, continue to discriminate. The charges filed against the managers include denial of equal training opportunities, passing over female applicants in favor of male applicants when hiring for skilled workers or trades positions, and the refusal to downgrade positions for females as they have done for males.

Downgrading a position means: An employee who does not have the required qualifications may apply for an open trades position. The same position can be downgraded to a building maintenance worker. The employee can be trained on the job for six months and then reclassified to the trade

position that he or she had originally applied for.

"They have downgraded positions in the past for men," said Gloria Pinon, one of the four women filing charges, who works as a custodian and has been with SJSU since 1982. Pinon applied for a Plumber 1 position, was downgraded to building maintenance worker and trained in six months. After her training was completed in June 1996, she was not reclassified as Plumber 1 like she had anticipated. According to Pinon, the department said the program could not be continued due to the lack of funds, and she went back to being custodian, which pays much lower wages than a trades position.

Pinon said three months later the same trades positions were posted, and men were hired.

John Hawk, who also completed the six-month building maintenance worker's position, said he was put in a special "plumber assessment program" for one year and later hired as Plumber 1 in 1996. Hawk, who is now an assistant safety coordinator, said he left FD&O because of all the "political stuff-

going on."

After his stint as a student assistant in plumbing, Kym Bersuch was a candidate for a Plumber 1 position, which was downgraded for him for one year to apprentice. Bersuch is currently Plumbing Shop supervisor. When Lauresia Antoine applied for Painter 1 position and got called for an interview on Dec. 6, 1996, she had never been through an apprentice program but had five years experience with painting and prepping. Antoine claims that the interview panel proceeded to ask her questions that all three panel members were not in accordance with, which to her seemed funny.

Antoine later received a letter informing her that she was not hired because her test scores were low. When she asked to see her file, she was told that it was not to be found.

"They treated me unfairly," said Antoine, who is currently a custodian and an employee of SJSU for almost four years.

In the last two months, the positions for skilled workers like carpenters, painters, plumbers and electricians have all been filled

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Still, others believe that Valentine's Day customs date back to an ancient pagan Roman celebration called Lupercalia held on Feb. 15.

Fern writes that the festival honored Lupercus, the god of herds and crops whom Romans believed protected their flocks from wolves and kept them and their animals fertile and healthy.

A favorite custom during Lupercalia was name-drawing, when young women put their names on pieces of paper and put them into an urn. Young men drew the names and the girls would become their partners at dances and parties for the year.

According to Guilfoile, when the Romans became Christians, the Christian priests moved the festival to Feb. 14 to honor the martyred St. Valentine, making it a religious holiday. However, some of the customs persisted, like the drawing of the slips with the girls' names, which came to be called "valentines."

"Today Valentine's Day is extraordinarily secular," said

Barbara Hallman, a retired Cal Poly history professor currently filling in for a colleague. "It certainly seems pagan."

Hallman thinks that the modern customs of Feb. 14 are strange since the holiday is tied to Christianity and occurs during Lent — a 40 day period of penitential prayer and fasting for Christians.

Hallman said that for Christians Lent is supposed to be a time to contemplate religion, but Valentine's Day falls during that period, bringing much commercialism and, contradictory to the fundamentals of Christianity, the celebration of unmarried love.

The commercialism of the holiday can best be seen by the sales gift items like chocolates, flowers, and especially valentine cards.

According to Fern, the oldest paper valentine believed to exist was written in 1415 by a Frenchman, Charles, the Duke of Orleans, who was captured by the British in the Battle of Agincourt. While he was in prison in the Tower of London, he wrote romantic poems to his wife, including some that mentioned St. Valentine.

In "Mrs. Sharp's Traditions," Sara Ban Breathnach writes that until the early nineteenth century valentines were primarily handwritten love letters. Messages would be written, sometimes in colored ink, in poem form on colored paper with ornamental edges.

In the early 1800s factories in England began to print valentines. According to Guilfoile, the first factory-made valentines were black and white pictures printed on decorative paper, which people bought and painted. Some of these early valentines had verses printed on them, while others left room for the sender to write his/her own message. Later the factory-produced valentines were trimmed with satin ribbons and had lace borders.

Breathnach writes that the "Mother of the American Valentine" was Esther Howland who, in 1847, received an English valentine from a friend and was inspired to make similar valentines of her own.

Howland persuaded her father, a stationer, to order valentine supplies from England. She made sample valentines and her

brother, a traveling salesman, took her cards on trips. When he returned with 5,000 orders, Howland set up a shop in a spare room of her home, and began the first assembly-line production of American commercial valentines with the help of women friends.

The valentines were very elaborate and became very popular even though they cost between \$5 and \$10. In 1880 Howland sold her business, which was earning over \$100,000 a year to another American valentine competitor.

A symbol that has appeared on valentines throughout history is the cupid. Cupid, in Roman mythology, was the son of the goddess Venus and never grew up. Venus gave him a bow and a set of two types of arrows: some that produced undying love in the person they struck, others that produced undying indifference. Cupid would amuse himself by aiming the love arrow and one mortal and the indifferent arrow at another. He would arrange for the two people to meet, causing the "love-struck" person to spend his/her life in pursuit of the indifferent one.

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passion, which is evident due to the large book collection in his office.

Martinez feels that it is very important for students studying Spanish to also learn about the culture.

"It's a way of understanding ourselves," Martinez said, explaining that almost everything in California at one time was influenced by Mexico or Spain.

"Language is culture," Martinez said. He feels students must not only learn a language, but understand it as well, since the context of words are just as important as the vocabulary.

Martinez said he hopes that his students leave his classes with a better appreciation for the language and culture of Hispanic people.

"I want them to come away with the idea that they don't live in a vacuum," Martinez said. Martinez is involved in many projects and activities at Cal Poly and in the community. He does community service, is active in the Academic Senate, Chicano Commencement, the Spanish Club, Spectrum (an alternative media journal), and the Academic Counsel for International Programs.

Martinez is currently working on three books.

He is compiling an anthology of Chicano poetry and co-authoring a second-year Spanish textbook as well as a book on lesson plans for teaching second languages.

Martinez has also been involved in the Mexico Study Program, a four-week summer program in Cuernavaca where students study Spanish and Mexican culture and live with Mexican families.

"Dr. Martinez got the program going and made it what it is," said Professor William Little, department head of foreign languages.

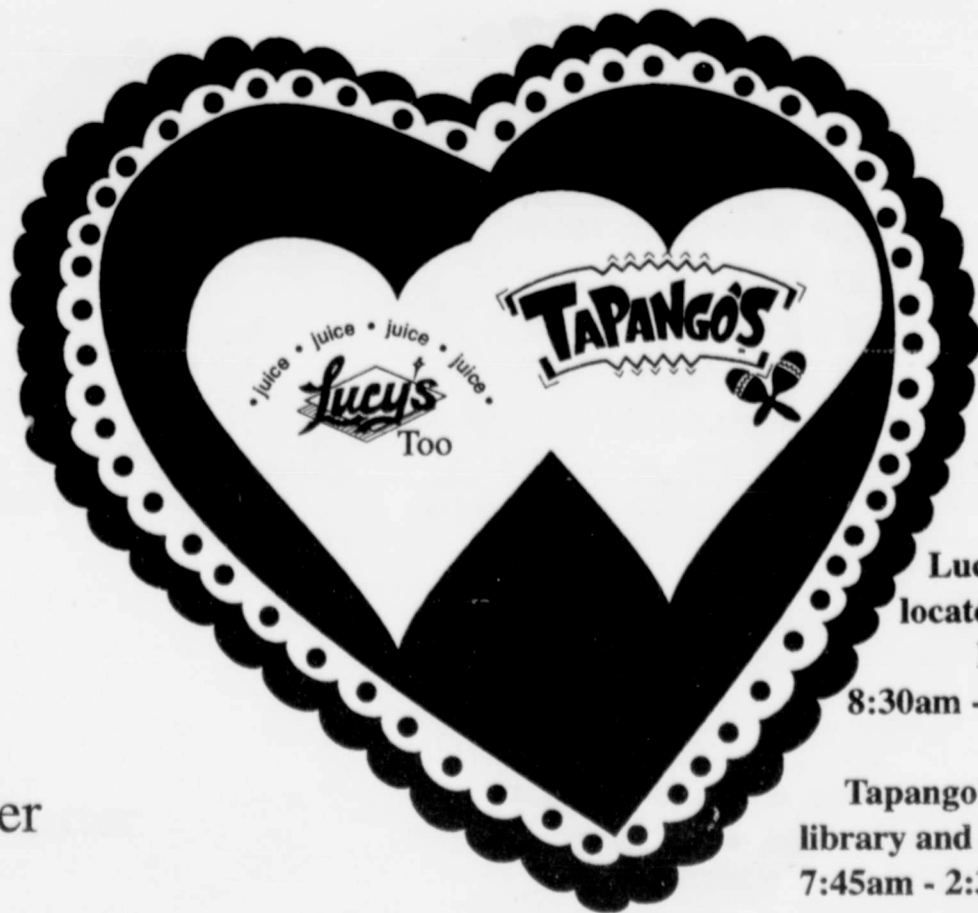
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After 5 3/4 yrs, you still get
all my love. Looking forward to
going to PAC w/U 2-nite.
I LOVE YOU MY. BO

My darling Chibi, Your are my
world, my life, and my love.
Here's to eternity. Love, Rick

BEAUTIFUL BEV
You have made my life wonderful
since you came into it. You will
always have a special place in
my heart. You are my C.L. Queen.
I Love U
LOVE, RYAN



Hey Watson, Sherlock loves you!



Melanie
My Valentine's Day needs a
Valentine.
Will you be
Mine?
I LOVE YOU!
Lindsey



A.B.K.
We're due for some play
time. See you soon.
Love, E & K

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Jen
You're the best!
Love, Brian



SCOTT,
You have taught me how to love
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Poopie.
All my love, Erica

Your
Surprise is
almost here!
Happy
Valentine's
Day
Deana



DON, my special pumpkin bee,
I Love You. Will you marry me?



Dearest Belle
I love you more than any other,
it means so much to me
that you are my lover,
look deep into my eyes
and you will soon discover,
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Stephen-Can you feel the love
tonight? It is where we are.
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wonderer that we got this far.
I love you more than you'll
ever know-Christy



Dinice, I LOVE you more than all
I know. Be mine forever. Let me
care for you and take you
around the world. I will belong
to you for as long as you will
have me. You are the ONESweetpea.

Carla Fermelia,
You are the sexiest redhead on
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Bradley John,
Give me some of those kisses...
Love, Tonto



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4 EVER JOSE F.



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for now...
forever...and
for always!!
BB



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Liz...CIO

DAVE
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I could've asked for! You get the
horns, man!
I love you!!!
-Janell



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HOTTY SCOTY!!
GORDON,
This past year has been magic!
Thanks for coming all this way
to be with me on our day.
I love you,
Shelby



TORTUGA
Te quiero
mucho!
Maria



TO THE GIRLS
OF IN STEP XO!



BUSES *from page 1*

and two to three minutes to get off. To load the wheelchair, steps lower and lift the chair up into the bus. The bus driver then secures the wheelchair with two belts and a third seat belt is placed around the rider. Unloading the passenger entails these steps in reverse. This process can put the bus seven minutes behind schedule, Watson said.

"It's really tough but we need to serve them," Watson said. City buses serve more than 600 wheelchair customers per month. People have suggested a separate transport for the wheelchairs but the law requires equal conditions for everyone, Watson said.

City transit officials are always looking for ways to improve the bus system. Watson said he has a proposal to increase service sitting on his desk, but the city needs more operating money before they can implement these plans.

Forestry senior Neva Jarvis also said the bus being late was a problem.

"I didn't have a car for the first four years but now I don't know how I made it without one," Jarvis said. "The only way the bus beats my car is the cost, I don't have to pay for gas or parking permits."

Watson said he feels the service is superior.

"Except for the first round in the morning, I have got a competitive advantage to parking cars," Watson said. According to an informal study of Routes 4 and 5 on the afternoon of Feb. 11 and the morning of Feb. 13, the city buses were on time at the majority of their stops, with the exception of the 8 a.m. rush.

Watson said the system's goal was to be reaching stops every 15 minutes on the Cal Poly campus. This would mean all other stops

throughout the city would be reached every 30 minutes. He said they are far from this because most city stops only get service once an hour now.

Currently, nine city buses run at one time. Seven of these buses feed into Cal Poly. Two buses run on both routes 4 and 5, which travel by the University Union. Two additional tandems, or shuttle buses, support those routes and one bus services Route 1, which feeds into Cal Poly by Kennedy Library.

Each bus route in the city costs close to \$90,000 a year to operate and will increase to \$100,000 when the city's new contract takes effect, according to Watson. However, two routes that service Cal Poly, Routes 4 and 5, are the least expensive.

The most important thing about each route to the riders is the schedule. Students who ride the bus must plan their day around it.

"Teachers get pretty mad if you are late every morning," said Kate Henry, an animal science senior. She gets up an hour earlier than normal to take the bus that gets her to school on time.

Bus schedules are designed by a committee which takes into account the needs of the university and the community. According to Watson, the committee looks at the Cal Poly schedule and the schedule of people who work downtown and tries to meet everyone's needs the best they can.

"On one hand we have a 500 pound gorilla (students) and on the other we have a 300 pound gorilla (downtown employees). We do the best we can to balance them out," Watson said about scheduling conflicts.

Jarvis said the schedule needs to be changed. She likes driving because she can control when she comes to school and when she can leave.

Many students, like animal science senior Erica Miller, have to ride the bus because they don't have a car. However, Miller can't remember a time when a late bus inconvenienced her.

Earl Wilson, an ecology and systematic biology junior, has a car but chooses to ride the bus to school. He even chose where he wanted to live because it was located across the street from a bus stop.

"I think it is really good," Wilson said. "Every time the bus has been late I notice a wheelchair on the bus."

Wilson said bus drivers make up for this lost time by not staying long at the city hall or at Cal Poly Stadium stops.

"It's free. What more can you ask for?" Wilson said.

Wilson also complimented the bus drivers for their courtesy.

"They wait until you are seated until they start moving," Wilson said. "I've ridden buses in other cities and they just take off."

Other riders also said they thought the bus drivers were nice. Many choose to sit up front and talk with them. Many drivers are even understanding and let students on who have lost or misplaced their student ID cards.

Many students let the bus drivers know they are grateful for the service by thanking them as they file out of the bus.

Watson said students shouldn't panic about losing the free bus system. He said if the city and the university do decide to discontinue the free service, students will be offered a discount on a quarterly pass.

SUIT *from page 7*

by men a memo said from a the Staff of Individual Rights. Out of the entire group of about 50 trades workers in FD&O, there is one woman, Martha O'Connell, who holds the Electrician 1 position and has been an employee of SJSU since 1986.

"It's not fun being alone," said O'Connell, who is also co-president of an advocacy group for civil and gay/lesbian rights called Staff for Individual Rights. O'Connell said that the department can very easily downgrade positions for a few women if it wanted to.

"I was able to obtain this position simply because I complained to the government," said O'Connell, who started her career with SJSU as a clerical assistant. O'Connell said that she filed her first complaint with EEOC in 1986, but has repeatedly filed several charges of discrimination and civil rights violations by FD&O since then.

According to O'Connell, once an employee files charges with the EEOC, it takes several months, sometimes even years, to reach a settlement. Usually the settlement is among the employee, the employer and the federal government.

Dan Johnson, associate vice president of FD&O, said the six-month positions were an introduction to the semi-skilled trades but not sufficient training to equal the three-to-four year apprenticeships that have traditionally prepared people for skilled trades positions.

Johnson said that women have often not had access to apprenticeship and training which would enable them to be hired for "jour-

ney" level or skilled workers' positions.

"Journey levels take four years of on-the-job, very specific training," said Johnson. "Our department hires people according to whatever they have the capacity to do."

Johnson said that they have been doing everything possible to address these issues. Johnson said the most recent initiative began in 1995 when special project funding was received, and this allowed FD&O to create training opportunities for women and minorities. Another initiative has been to work with trades unions, like the State Employee Trade Council which have been providing the training, the CSU system, the state, and local technical institutions to develop an apprentice program.

Even though this program has been approved by the CSU system and the mechanisms have already started, the process is extremely complex and lengthy, Johnson said. Johnson said he hopes this program will be put in place within the next few months. His department is working with the university to address funding for the program and establishing permanent skilled craft positions for the graduates.

"We like when we can provide training to our existing people and use them in the trades positions," said Johnson. "They will have a sense of ownership to the campus."

The other two women who refiled the suit with Pinon and Antoine could not be reached for comment.

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Student editor quits at UT-Pan Am

The Daily Texan (U. of Texas)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — To protest censorship of all student publications, the editor of a student newspaper at the University of Texas-Pan American resigned Monday.

David Waltz, editor of The Pan American, said he resigned after the weekly newspaper's faculty adviser replaced a wire story from the Feb. 6 issue with an advertisement without Waltz's approval.

Robert Rollins, the newspaper's adviser, said he made the decision because Waltz had left the office before the paper went to press that night.

Rollins added the story was "meaningless" and not contro-

versial. Waltz knew of the advertisement beforehand, Rollins said.

But Waltz said Rollins violated the newspaper's First Amendment rights to free speech and free press.

"As far as maintaining student control of the paper, I felt I was fighting a losing battle," Waltz said Wednesday.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Virginia, said Rollins was wrong in his actions and had undermined Waltz's editorial control.

"This is a result of an ongoing battle to maintain freedom of speech and uphold First Amendment rights in student publications," Goodman said.

Jack R. Stanley, chairman of

the UT-Pan American Communications Department, said he supports Rollins and feels he is only trying to improve the paper.

Waltz disagreed with Stanley in his letter of resignation, stating Rollins also used unconstructive criticism toward student reporters.

"Instructors, for the most part Mr. Rollins, when talking to students do not use constructive criticism, but use such words as 'crap.' Therefore students are discouraged to participate by the newspaper's adviser," Waltz said.

In response to Waltz's criticism, Rollins said "if I call something a piece of crap, don't take it

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"This is simply not true," he said.

Sgt. Bob Schumacher disagrees. "I think this is one of the safest campuses in California and I think that the statistics have proven that," Schumacher said, citing articles that were published in both the Telegram-Tribune and the Mustang Daily within the last couple of years.

Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to President Warren Baker, said the university "certainly appreciates (the) interest that (O'Connell and Bordonaro have) in the case and anything that they can do to bring it to resolution," he said.

Howard-Greene also said that "Cal Poly will cooperate fully with any inquiry into this matter."

Assemblyman Bordonaro was unavailable for comment.

Remember:

If President Baker changes his hair color, you still won't recognize him.

MD Tip #69

Just another helpful hint from your friends here at Mustang Daily.

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"If I'm teaching religion, we go to a church," Martinez said, explaining the interactive classes. "If I'm teaching politics, we attend a political rally."

Martinez said he enjoys being involved in many things, and recommends being open to possibilities.

"You're always standing at a fork in the road," Martinez said. "You don't have to choose just one path to follow."

Little describes Martinez as very energetic and innovative.

"He's dedicated to life and the lives of students," Little said.

This dedication is made obvious by Martinez's enthusiasm for the Modern Language major, which should be active fall of 1997.

"I'm extremely excited about it," Martinez said, "I'm lucky to be asked to serve as the lead person for the development of the major."

Martinez said the new major is unique because it requires the study of two languages: the primary, Spanish, and a secondary, German or French. The major will require six new courses, including classes in Spanish composition, linguistics and research methods.

"There is a tremendous opportunity to be bilingual or multilingual," Martinez said, "We will be able to serve that need."

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their change."

The speech detailed a wide variety of women's rights violations, cultural relativist and universalist views, and the role of the United Nations in women's rights.

Valerie Hansen, officer in the local chapter of National Organization of Women (NOW), came to the speech because she wanted to learn more about the global issue of women's rights, since she normally deals with the local and state issues.

"I wanted the outside realm of what we are up against," the English senior said.

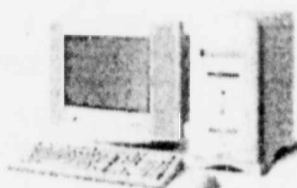
Lorri Sulpizio, also an English senior, also came to educate herself on the topic of women's rights.

"I just wanted to know more about the global feminism that we are trying to achieve," Sulpizio said. "I was shocked at the extent of it. I knew there was some stuff going on, but I didn't know how extreme it was. I didn't know how complacent we were, as far as the United States is in dealing and handling with these other countries."

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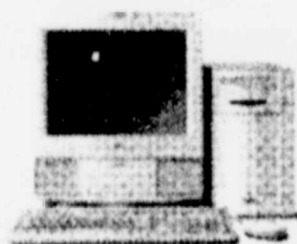
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Bush to speak at Oklahoma graduation

The Oklahoma Daily (U. of Oklahoma)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — Former U.S. President George Bush will deliver the commencement address to OU's graduating class May 10 at OU President David Boren's request. Bush will also receive an honorary degree at a dinner before the commencement exercises.

"It is a special honor for the university that President Bush has accepted our invitation to participate in our commencement exercises," Boren said.

"It is a tribute to our university that President Bush accepted OU's invitation from among

the large number of such invitations he receives."

Bush briefly visited the campus in October when he gave a speech at Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Norman, fund-raiser at Lloyd Noble Center.

"When (Bush) briefly visited our campus last fall, he expressed his appreciation for the high quality of our students he had a chance to meet," Boren said.

Boren asked Bush to speak at the Foundation for Excellence ceremony in Tulsa several years ago. Bush and Boren worked together while Boren was in the U.S. Senate.

"They've had a lot of common

relationships," Johnson said. "There is a friendship there."

John Ward, political science junior and president of Young Democrats, said Boren's political influence probably helped in attracting Bush.

"The respect most people have for him adds to OU and the quality of speakers we can get," Ward said.

Bush's political career began in the 1960s when he was elected to represent Texas' 7th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Bush served on a number of leadership positions during the 1970s, and was named director of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1976.

It's a boy for King of Pop

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The King of Pop has an heir.

Michael Jackson became a father early Thursday when his wife, Deborah Rowe Jackson, gave birth to a boy.

The whirling dervish of pop music was in the delivery room for the arrival of the Glove Child - whose name, weight and length weren't revealed.

Elizabeth Taylor, the child's godmother, had planned to be there. But she came down with the flu and couldn't participate, a source told The Associated Press.

The Jackson camp was mum about the arrival, which took place about 1 a.m. at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. A hospital source, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the birth to the AP. Ms. Rowe delivered without complications, the source said, adding: "Everyone's OK and healthy."

Hospital spokesman Ron Wise said the Jacksons, with their newborn, left the hospital about 8

a.m., destination unknown.

Jackson, 38, announced in November that Ms. Rowe, a 37-year-old nurse who worked with dermatologist, was six months pregnant with his child. They wed later that month. Jackson and his first wife, Lisa Marie Presley, divorced earlier last year.

Rumors that a Jackson baby was about to make its debut - Valentine's Day was the due date - sent the news media scurrying to the hospital.

Reporters, photographers and fans gathered Wednesday and Thursday for news and a chance glimpse of the newest Jackson, his famous father and his mother. Extra security guards were called in to keep away infiltrators.

"I've never seen anything like it," Wise said.

A photo of the Jacksons and son would fetch big bucks from the tabloids.

"If it's good quality, a shot of Jacko, Debbie and the baby - where we could see the baby's face - it could bring \$500,000," said National Enquirer editor Steve Coz.

Hubble Space Telescope aboard Discovery, looking very beautiful

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston - Discovery's astronauts hauled the Hubble Space Telescope aboard the shuttle early Thursday for a 1-billion-mile tuneup that will allow it to peer even deeper into the far reaches of the universe.

Spacewalking astronauts planned to spend four straight nights beginning Thursday installing new science instruments and other up-to-date equipment in NASA's second Hubble service call since 1993.

Like repairmen on Earth, Discovery's seven-man crew kept the customer waiting. The shuttle pulled up a little late alongside the 12-ton, 43-foot observatory. Several more minutes passed before Steven Hawley, operating the shuttle's mechanical arm, latched onto the telescope as the two spacecraft soared 370 miles over Mexico's southwestern coast.

"Seeing that beautiful spacecraft for the first time in three years was like seeing your best friend whom you haven't seen for three years," NASA's chief Hubble scientist, Ed Weiler, said on Earth. "Not only that, but the friend doesn't seem to have aged at all."

The only sign of age appeared to be a gouge in a dish antenna, caused by a micrometeorite. The healthy Hubble was a welcome sight; a badly warped or wobbly telescope would have forced NASA to call off the spacewalks.

Weiler considered the first spacewalk, by Mark Lee and Steven Smith, to be "the Super Bowl" of the series. Their job: to replace 1970s science instruments with start-of-the-art devices.

"If that goes well, I think it will really put Hubble into a position of having world-class scientific capability well into the 21st century," Weiler said.

An astronomer by training, Hawley was perhaps the most reverent of the crew upon seeing Hubble. He last glimpsed the telescope in 1990, when he used the mechanical arm on the same shuttle to launch it on its 15-year voyage. His touch was gentle and respectful.

"Gee, I wish you could see the expression on Dr. Stevie's face," Discovery commander Kenneth Bowersox told Mission Control. "Looks like he just shook hands with an old friend."

Scientists calculated that the capture came on orbit No. 37,130 and that the telescope had logged

996 million miles and made more than 110,100 observations of stars, galaxies, planets and other astronomical objects.

Although this rendezvous was less urgent than the 1993 visit, when spacewalking astronauts had to install corrective lenses because of a defective mirror, it was no less nerve-racking for astronomers, fearful of an inadvertent bump that could ruin its vision again.

The \$2 billion telescope has performed superbly since its full sight was restored, confirming the existence of super-massive black holes in several galaxies and bringing astronomers ever closer in determining the age of the universe.

Its vision will be even keener with the addition of the two \$100 million-plus science instruments, a spectrograph with two-dimensional sensors and a near-infrared camera. Each is the size of a telephone booth.

Other high-priority items to be hooked up before the telescope is turned loose next week: a refurbished guidance sensor and two data recorders. Altogether, 11 major parts are to be installed.

Second Assembly committee OKs license suspension bill

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - A bill to continue a law suspending the driver's license of people convicted of drug offenses not related to driving is on its way to the state Assembly floor.

The current law, required by a 1990 federal statute, expires March 1. The Assembly Appropriations Committee voted 11-2 Thursday to approve a bill by Assemblyman Larry Bowler, R-Sacramento, to continue the suspension law until Oct. 1, 1999.

The 1990 federal law requires states to either suspend driver's licenses of people convicted of drug offenses or state their intent not to pass such a law. Thirty-two states have chosen the latter option.

The California Legislature in 1992 tried the latter option, but Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed that. Lawmakers have since passed two short-term license suspension laws.

A rival bill by Sen. Quentin Kopp, I-San Francisco, that would state that California does not

intend to extend the law is pending on the Senate floor.

The state could lose \$92 million a year in federal highway funds if it fails to approve one of the alternatives by March 1.

Opponents to the Bowler bill said California should instead pass the Kopp bill to express opposition to a federal mandate and still get the highway funds.

"We could opt out and still receive the funds," said Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles.

"A leopard can't change its spots. The governor will not sign a letter opting out," Bowler said.

"The leopard has changed his spots. The leopard, if you're talking about the governor, at a national governor's conference signed a resolution in opposition to this federal mandate," Villaraigosa countered.

"We are the policy makers. The governor is the executive," added Assemblywoman Carole Migden, D-San Francisco.

"The reality of it is this is the way we have to go or lose the money," Bowler responded.

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The peek the public got at the records is vital to allowing taxpayers to evaluate how their police department is being managed, he said. Portnoy said he is disappointed at the legislature's move to seal the records.

"This was the first detailed look at police records in more than 20 years," Kato said. "It is important because it may be the last."

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin recently reported 62 officers were

disciplined for offenses ranging from assaulting prisoners to padding time cards between Jan. 1991 and Oct. 1993.

There are nearly 2,000 officers in the department.

According to a Feb. 7 Star-Bulletin article listing the names and summarized records of disciplined police officers, three officers were suspended for one day each.

Officer Joseph Carrero used force on a prisoner who fell and fractured his jaw.

Sgt. John Pinero was found

guilty of assault in the third degree in Circuit Court.

Officer Harry Ceolho altered his mileage record book.

"That sends a message that officers won't get more than a slap whether they are violent or they show up late for a meeting.

"That (punishment) and the message is important and the public should be able to review and question the management and policies of the police management," he said.

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so; it's constructive criticism. It's frustrating when you feel people aren't giving their all."

Waltz said he has contacted the American Civil Liberties Union about filing a class action lawsuit against the UT System if a final prior review policy, which would enable advisers to evaluate all articles before they go to press, is approved.

Jay Jacobson, executive director of the ACLU, said, "This was

an arbitrary government decision to terminate an article. Rollins is an instructor and state employee. Clearly, an editor should be free from the government as to what goes in a student publication," he said.

But Waltz may not be able to file a lawsuit since he has resigned, Jacobson said. "In order to have a case we would have to try and reinstate Waltz from his own resignation," he said.

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Commercial rose growers blue over sluggish sales

By Jerry Nachtigal
Associated Press

LITCHFIELD PARK, Ariz. - OK, so maybe a dozen red roses and baby's breath in a tissue-lined box are more romantic than, say, a thorny bundle with roots wrapped in plastic from the garden shop at Wal-Mart.

If Henry Conklin and his fellow wholesale rose growers in the West had their way, husbands and boyfriends would be lugging home rose bushes for their Valentines.

"Those cut flowers will be dead

in a few days," said Conklin, who harvests more than 2 million rose bushes a year in his fields west of Phoenix. "Everybody likes cut flowers, but buy a rose bush and you can grow those beautiful flowers yourself."

You can't blame Conklin and the Garden Rose Council, a trade group representing 90 percent of the nation's commercial rose growers, for trying.

Though Americans are busier in their gardens than ever - lawn and garden sales have grown about 10 percent annually over the past 20 years - sales of rose

bushes have been virtually unchanged in the past decade.

That's why Conklin and 18 other growers in Arizona, California and Oregon have joined in a \$600,000 marketing campaign by the Garden Rose Council to promote the pleasures of tending roses.

One reason sales of rose bushes have been flat, said Conklin, the council's chairman, is the perception that a rose by any other name is fussy, difficult to grow and labor-intensive.

Dave Fox of Tempe recently tore out all eight rose bushes in

his back yard even though they were thriving. "Roses are great the first year. After that you are continually pruning, fertilizing and spraying for aphids. They are a lot of work," he said.

Conklin conceded that growing roses takes a little more work. On a stem-by-stem basis, there's no denying that rose bushes - at \$2 and \$3 at a Wal-Mart - are a better bargain than fresh-cut roses, which can cost a few dollars each this time of year.

"Look at the final results - all the beautiful flowers," he said.

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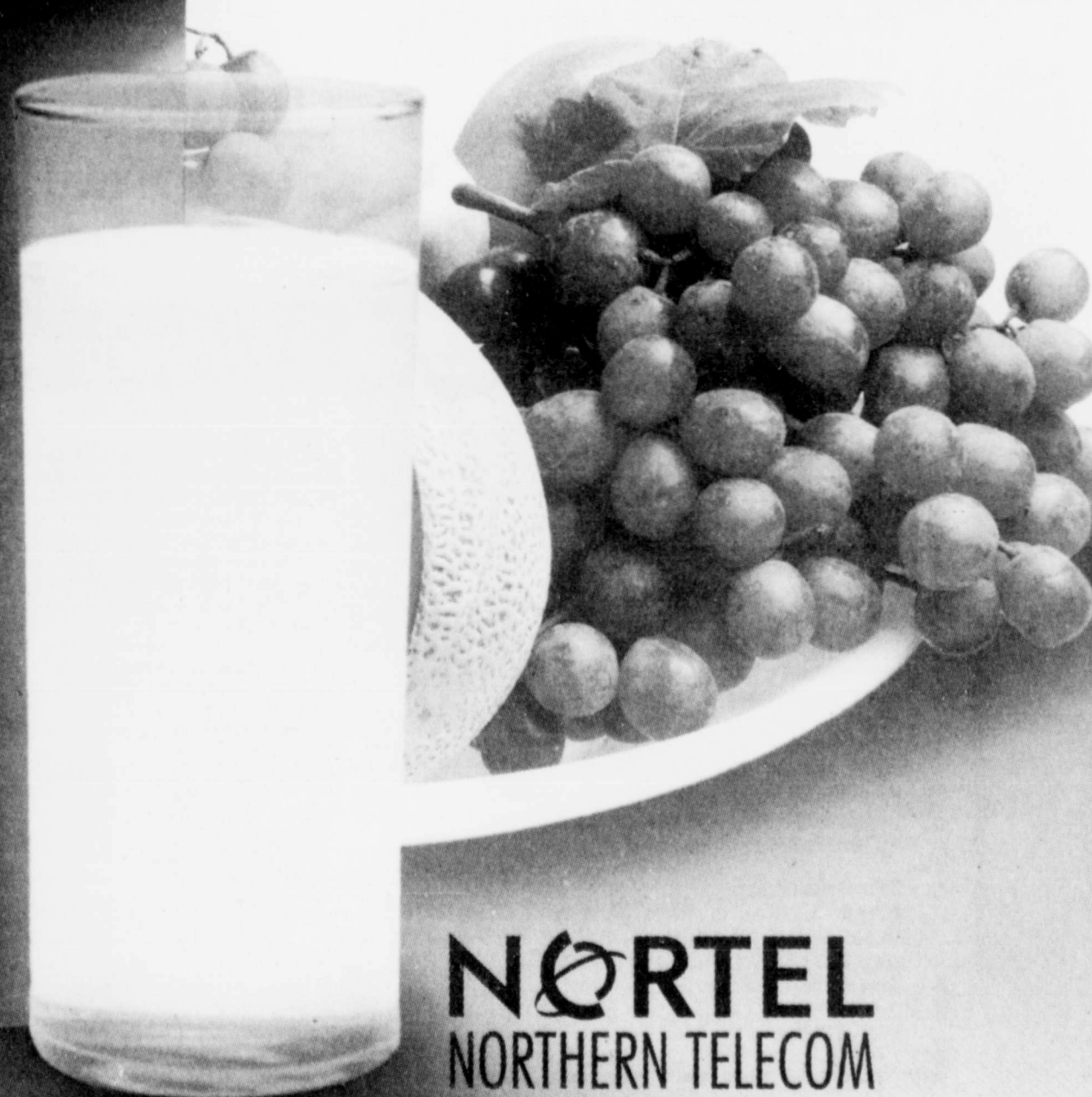
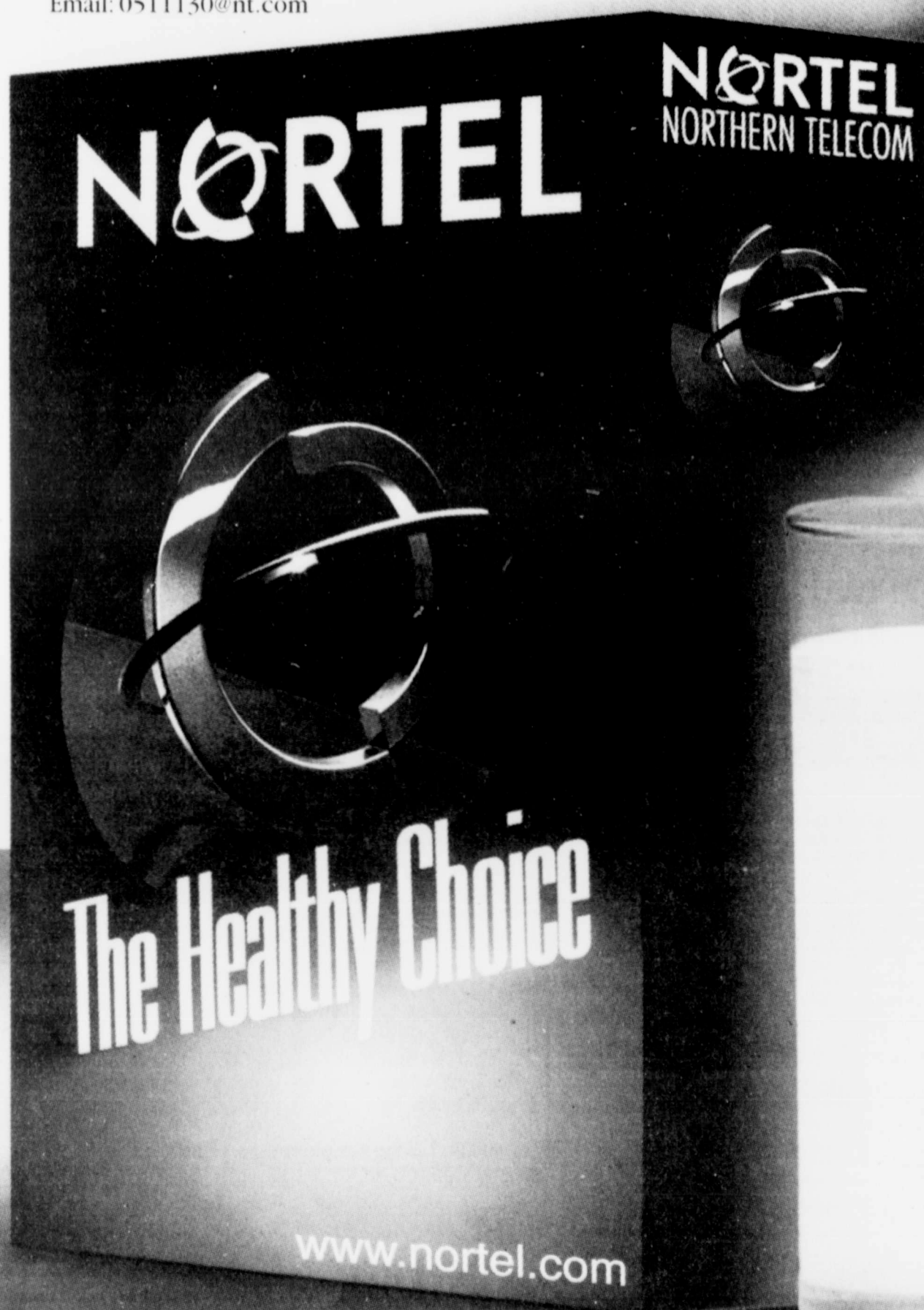
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soned and balanced squad than the women, however.

Seniors Maurice Eaglin in the long jump and Chris Bane in the high jump have the potential to qualify for NCAAAs.

According to first year assistant coach Sheldon Blockburger, Bane is a bomb waiting to explode this season. Blockburger also noted that Dave Baeza, who won the 400 and 400-meter hurdles last year in the American West Conference is ready for the best season of his life.

"It's all based on hard work and determination," Baeza said. "I've put in a lot of extra time and I keep striving to reach my goals."

If last year's times are any indication, Baeza should fare well among his Big West competition.

"I looked, and my times are comparable to the best times from last year," he said. "My goals haven't changed much. I want to improve upon last year, and ultimately I want to qualify for NCAAAs."

The only male who did qualify for last year's NCAAAs is senior pole vaulter Sean Brown, who is expected to dominate his event in the Big West. Senior Erik Engle leads the distance events as a top conference finisher this last cross-country season.

Some dual sport athletes will

also be competing for the men's squad with four football players being added to the sprint event line-up.

Kaaron Conwright, Khamil Loud, Barney Williams and Ed Wynn are all competing in their first year of college running.

"Coach Patterson (Head Football) and I talked about the natural combination with track and football," Crawford said. "This helps in our recruiting new athletes plus, he's supportive of (helping our program)."

Because of all the new teams added to the conference, Crawford is uncertain about how the Mustangs will finish in the Big West. In the past few years, Utah State has dominated its competition.

Crawford expects Boise State, Idaho, and North Texas to challenge Utah in defending its Big West conference title.

"The power of the conference is shifting," she said. "There are a lot of well-funded programs that provide a lot of scholarship money. We need to see who our rivals will be and learn from this experience."

The team has a long season ahead of it, facing top PAC-10 and nationally-ranked teams like Stanford, Fresno State, and University of Washington.

expect this level of competition," Crawford said. "We'll gain a lot win

Women's hoops welcomes President Baker

By Megan Lehtonen
Daily Staff Writer

A new twist will be added to women's basketball at Mott Gym Friday night.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker will be sitting in as a guest coach Friday evening as the Mustangs (3-17) take on the University of North Texas Lady Eagles (3-18) at 7 p.m. in Mott gym.

Baker just might provide the spark the team is looking for.

"I know (Baker's) a basketball fan," Cal Poly head coach Karen Booker said, "so this gives him a chance to see the other side of the game. He has been to a few of our games, and he seems really excited about doing it."

"In the game, he gets to observe and go into the locker room with us at the half, but he's not allowed to pick up any technical fouls," she joked.

Senior Center Katie Bauer is hoping the "guest coach" will provide some helpful points, but she is looking forward to something else as well.

"I never knew what he looked like, so I'm excited now," she said.

The Lady Eagles are entering the game with a 0-9 record in the Big

West. They have the opportunity to upset Cal Poly's chance at a bid for the tournament, as well as pick up their first conference win.

But Booker and the Mustangs have a different view.

Mustang Jackie Maristela, a junior guard leading the conference in steals averaging three per game, is confident that Cal Poly will come out with a win.

"We have to go into the game with a positive attitude," she said. "We're trying to turn things around in our second half of conference play, and this is the perfect game to start," she said. "There's really no time left to fool around."

Booker said there are three things the Mustangs need to do to obtain a victory: Have better execution on offense, make quick transitions to defense, and limit turnovers. These are all things that Booker said Cal Poly has been improving on as the season progresses.

Teammates Bauer and Maristela agreed that these points, along with teamwork, will help the Mustangs beat North Texas.

"Defense is probably going to play a major role," Maristela said. "Because if we can't get it going on offense, there is never a good excuse not to play good defense. So that will

be our main focus."

As for North Texas, Booker said a big strength is their ability to make a quick transition. They also have a solid offense led by their top shooter — sophomore Ashley Norris, who leads the team with 12.8 points per game.

Overall, the Mustangs are trying, game by game, to squeeze into the postseason tournament, a feat they will have to accomplish without the help of Baker on the bench.

"It is a big goal for us to enter the tournament, but we're confident in getting it done," Booker said. "It all begins with North Texas Friday night, and then we'll go from there."

Booker added that co-captain Bauer, the only senior on the squad, is pumped up about the goal. She said that getting into the tournament will help end Bauer's career on a high note.

Bauer agreed, adding that even though the team has put a lot of pressure on itself to accomplish the goal, the players see it as a reasonable focus.

"We're gearing up for the remaining games," Bauer said. "If we come together as a team, I think we can do it."

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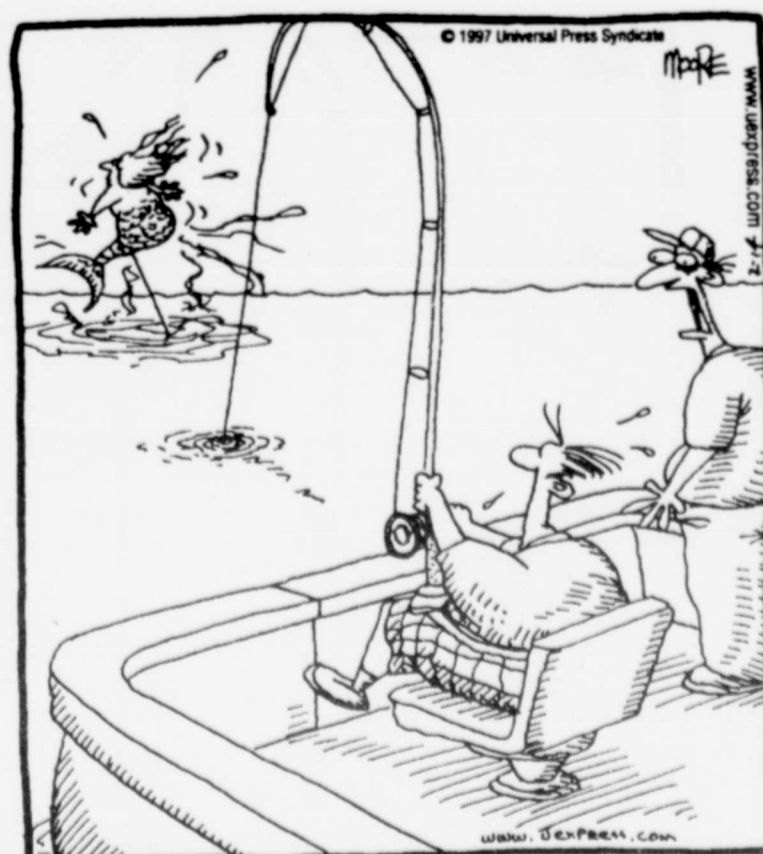
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Wheels start turning for Cal Poly Track and Field

By Leisha Masi
Daily Staff Writer

Call this year's track and field team an experiment. Call the Big West Conference its laboratory. Call head coach Terry Crawford and her assistants the scientists working to be competitive not only in the Big West, but nationally as well.

Call it the beginning of a new era for Cal Poly track and field.

"This is a transition year for us, no doubt," Crawford said. "But it will provide us a lot of new challenges to see what it is like to compete in Division I track and field."

Experience is just what the team will need in building its program. Why? There are 26 freshmen and sophomores on a team of 34, and 16 of those underclassman are freshmen.

"Right now our goal is to compete hard and focus on our daily accomplishments, and eventually, see the progress we make in competition," Crawford said.

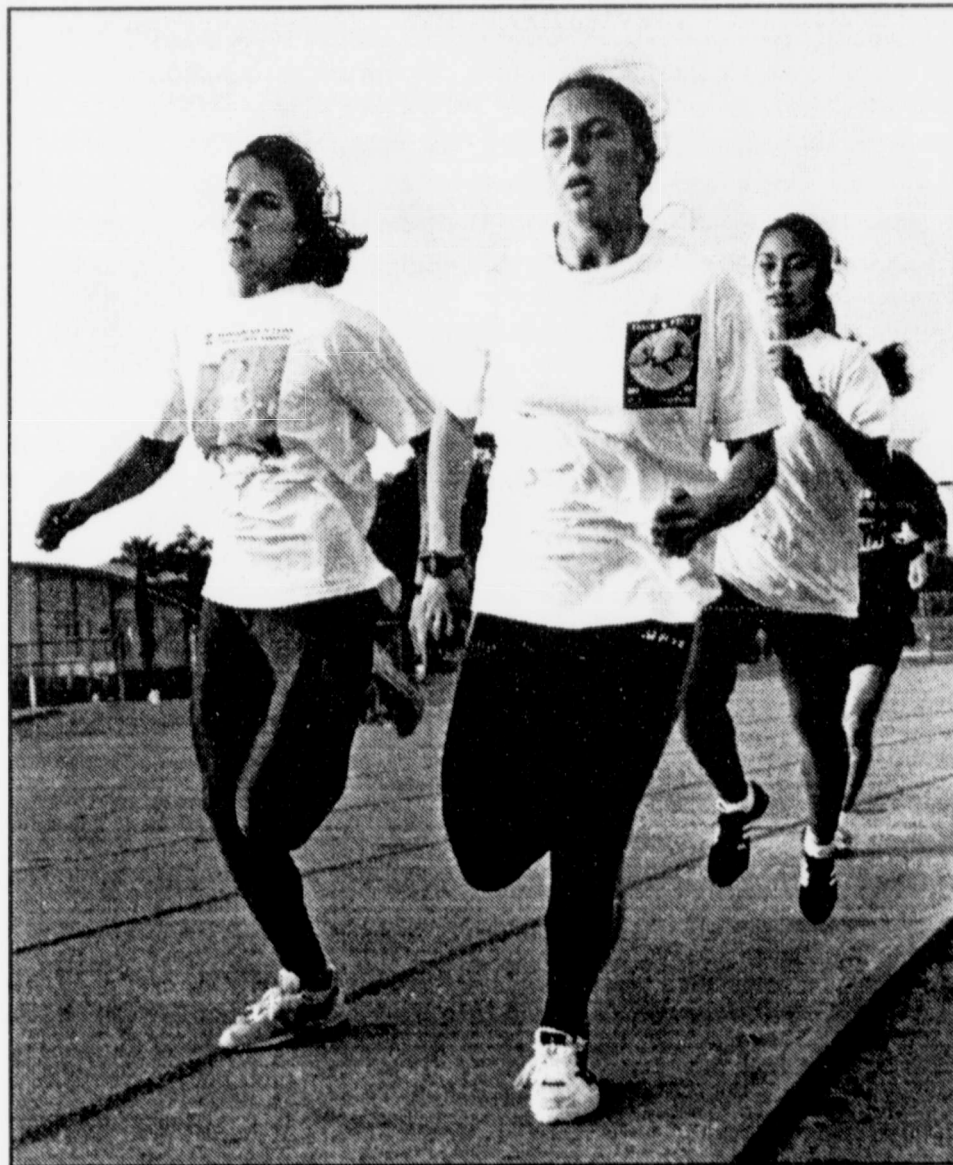
The fifth-year coach for the Mustangs said they will need to capitalize on their strengths, especially as the team tries to build its weaker areas.

Cal Poly's women's distance team appears to have the most depth and should be able to compete with the top distance runners in the conference.

Those with the most potential in those events, Crawford said, are senior Nikki Shaw in the 800 and 1500 meters, and junior Amber Robinson and sophomore Claire Becker in the 3,000 and 5,000 meter events.

According to Crawford, Shaw is poised for her best season ever and has the potential to qualify for the NCAA championships in May.

Another strength for the



Daily photo by Michael Brennan

The Cal Poly track team begins its season on Saturday at Cal Poly. The meet is the first of only four home meets for the Mustangs.

women's team will be in the field events. Senior Ingrid Sipher in the discus and sophomore Cynthia Pettibon should score high among conference teams.

A huge hole was made in the sprints with senior Tamatha Cox taking a medical redshirt after having surgery on her feet this summer. Senior Barbie Jones will step up in the 200, 400 and sprint relays. Cox's absence will also bring in freshman sprinters Shannon Flett and Heidi

Nolte.

"With such a young team, there are a lot of question marks," Crawford said. "They have good potential, though, especially in their future in the Big West."

"Our young athletes do provide us with a lot of talent and diversity and will be in the thick of the fight in the future," she added. "Our future definitely looks bright for both men's and women's teams."

The men's team has a more sea-
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Tennis goes for three wins in a row

By Heidi Laurenzano
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's tennis team knows what stress is all about.

In the span of two weekends, the Mustangs have six games, but they are ready for the challenge.

On Friday at 1 p.m. they'll play the University of Portland. On Saturday, Loyola Marymount will get a turn at 1 p.m., and on Sunday one of the most anticipated games of the season starts at 9:30 a.m.: the University of Nevada at Reno.

The game against Reno is Cal Poly's second Big West Conference game and has five or six nationally recognized players, according to Mustang coach Rob Rios.

No. 2 singles player Donna Tam is looking at her team's opponents' rankings.

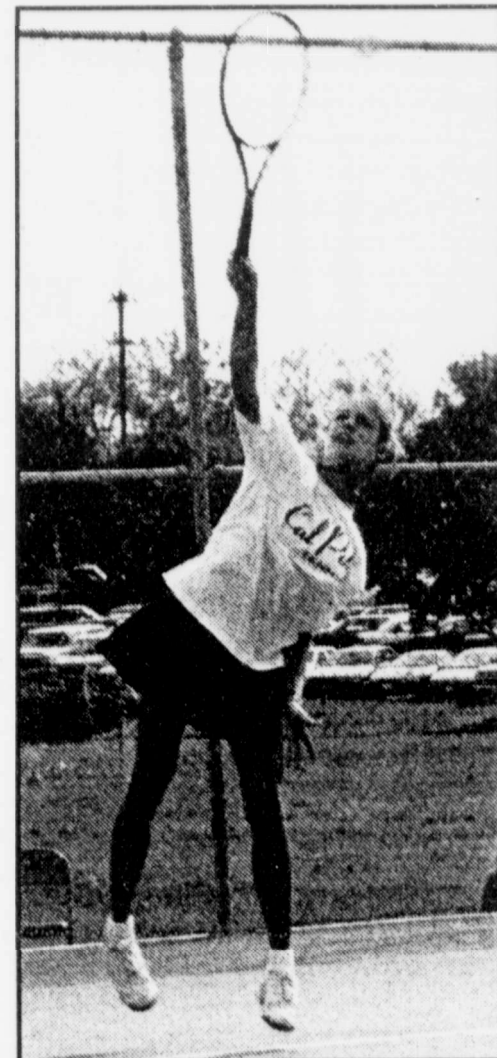
"I think all (the games) will be really tough because Loyola and Reno are ranked around 75 or 76," Tam said. "But, I think we'll do well because we won (all our) games last weekend."

The Mustangs defeated Cal State Northridge 9-0, Santa Clara 9-1 and U.C. Davis 6-3 last weekend to bring their season record to 4-0.

Rios said Cal Poly is currently ranked 128 out of the top 150 teams in the country, according to College Tennis Weekly, a national publication sent to all colleges that compete in tennis.

Cal Poly was previously ranked 148, but raised its ranking by beating Big West opponent U.C. Santa Barbara on Jan. 24, 7-2. The loss dropped Santa Barbara's ranking from 39 to 65.

In anticipation of playing Portland, Loyola, and Reno, the Mustangs have their own individ-



Daily photo by Michael Brennan

Women's tennis looks to continue its undefeated season by winning its back-to-back-to-back matches.

ual mind sets.

"My goal is to play more aggressively. The main thing is always winning," said No. 1 singles player Karen Apra, ignoring the old adage, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

No. 5 singles player Natalie Grubb takes a different attitude.

"Even though I love winning, I'm out there mainly to have a good time and do my best," Grubb said.

Grubb pretty much ignores the rankings. All she knows is that Reno ranks "pretty high up there." Tam wants a lot of audience support at the games.

"When we get a good crowd, it gets us all hyped up," she said.

But even without much of an audience, Cal Poly makes the best of it.

"We go into every match really fired up ... we play to win, try our best and hope for the best," Tam said.

Big game No. 2 for men's hoops Saturday

Daily Staff Report

The last time Cal Poly met the University of the Pacific, Michael Olowokandi sat on the bench. The 7-foot center from London, England sprained his knee on Jan. 11 against Cal State Fullerton and missed the opportunity to play against Cal Poly.

The game came down to the wire, but Pacific pulled ahead, 68-64, behind senior guard Mark Boelter's 17 points. Without Olowokandi the Mustangs were lucky the game was that close. Before Olowokandi fell to injury, Pacific was beating opponents by 53.7 to 75.9 points.

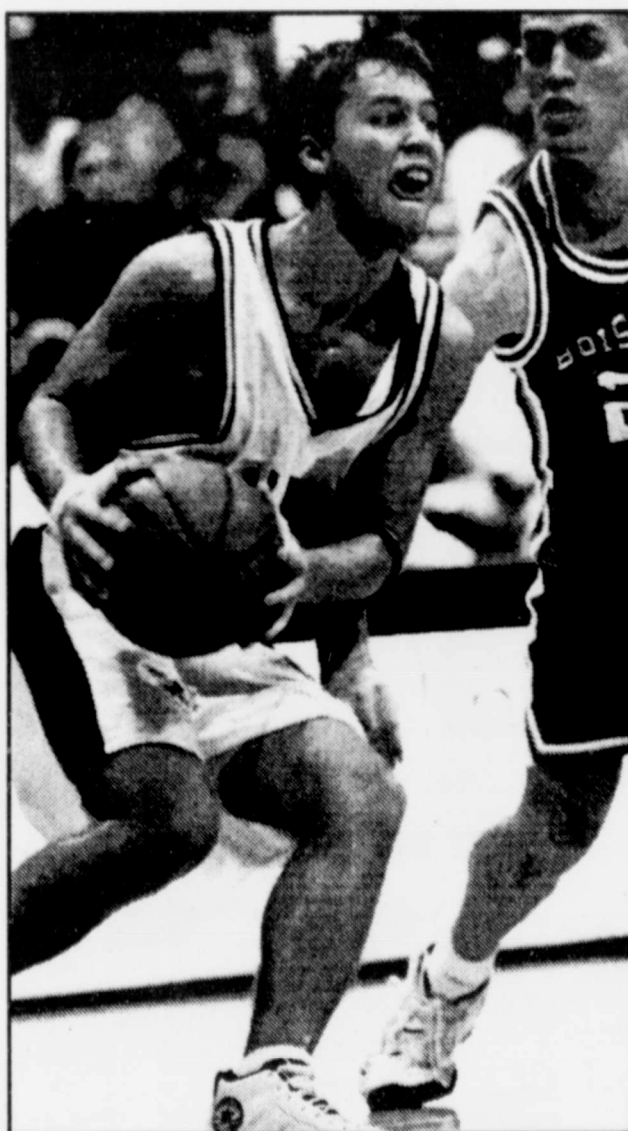
For Saturday's afternoon game, Cal Poly won't be so lucky. Olowokandi will suit up his 265-pound frame and try to add to his season averages. The junior averages 12 points and seven rebounds a game.

Pacific is pulling away from teams in the Big West's western division. The Tigers are 18-2 overall and 9-1 in conference play. Their losses were to Fresno State, when the Bulldogs were ranked 16th in the nation, according to the AP poll, and most recently to New Mexico State.

Pacific has received Top 25 votes in the AP poll since it defeated Georgetown on Dec. 28.

Cal Poly had the opportunity to pull off an upset at Pacific on Jan. 23 and snap the Tigers' 15-game home winning streak at the time. Cal Poly jumped on top early by shooting 60 percent from field and hitting eight of 12 from beyond the three-point arch.

Sophomore guard Ben Larson had 17 points in the first half leading the Mustangs to a 36-29 lead. But Cal Poly couldn't hold onto the lead and Pacific's veteran line-up pulled ahead at the end.



Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Waz and the gang play UOP Saturday night in another one of the biggest games of the season.

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TODAY'S GAMES

- Baseball vs. San Jose State @ Sinsheimer Park, 2 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Univ. of North Texas @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m. *
- Women's tennis vs. Univ. of Portland @ Cal Poly, 1 p.m.
- Softball vs. St. Mary's College @ St. Mary's, 2/4 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

- Men's basketball vs. Univ. of the Pacific @ Mott Gym, 1 p.m. *
- Baseball vs. San Jose State @ Sinsheimer Park, 1 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. Cal State Bakersfield @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.
- Women's tennis vs. Loyola Marymount @ Cal Poly, 9:30 a.m.
- Swimming vs. U.C. Irvine @ Cal Poly, 12 noon.
- Track and Field, Cal Poly Invitational @ Cal Poly, 8 a.m.
- Softball @ San Jose Mini Tournament @ San Jose, All day
- Men's volleyball vs. Humboldt State @ Cal Poly, 1 p.m. (Club)

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MONDAY'S GAMES

- Wrestling vs. Portland State @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.
- Men's lacrosse vs. U.C. Davis @ Cal Poly, 1 p.m. (Club)

TUESDAY'S GAMES

- Men's basketball vs. Idaho State @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.

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